Banning of foreign contributions

2367. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to ban foreign contributions totally for all types of organisations—religious, social and others;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The services rendered by associations utilising foreign contribution are likely to suffer if the acceptance of foreign contribution by them is totally banned.

National Register of Citizens

2368. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to prepare and maintain National Register of citizens;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Empowering Election Commission to Monitor Political and Election coverage by Doordarshan and AIR

2369. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to empower Election Commission to monitor all political and election coverage by Doordarshan and AIR;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. UPENDRA): (a) No, Sir;

(b) Does not arise

(c) At present, if any complaint is made to the Commission with regard to partisan coverage of poll activities, it is looked into by the Commission and appropriate preventive/remedial steps are taken. As such there is no felt need to formally empower Election Commission to monitor all political and election coverage by Doordarshan and All India Radio.

Expenditure on Akbar Bhavan

2370. SHRI PASUMPON THA. KIRUTTINAN:

SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any lease deed or agreement has been signed between Ministry of External Affairs and ITDC/NDMC so far;